

## DESCRIPTION

## TASK LIGHT

## 5 TECHNICAL FIELD

[0001]

The present invention relates to a task light for equipment of which a display is rotatable to a console.

## 10 BACKGROUND ART

[0002]

Because, for example, an ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus, among various equipments, is used in a dimly lit environment, a method of illuminating a pictogram on a 15 console from within the console or providing a task light on the display that illuminates the console, to facilitate visibility of the console, and in particular, the pictogram that expresses the functions of the operation keys on the console in a dimly lit environment, is known. In addition, 20 as a conventional example of the task light, for example, there is the invention disclosed in Patent Document 1, below.

Patent Document 1: Japanese Patent Application Publication (PCT) No. 2002-510134 (Abstract of the Disclosure)

[0003]

25 However, generally, when an operator such as a doctor

uses equipment such as an ultrasonic diagnostic apparatus, the operator images a tomographic image by pressing a probe onto a subject site, displays the image on a display, and at this time, shows the examinee the displayed image.

5 Therefore, the display is rotatable to the console. This is problematic in that, the task light cannot illuminate the entire console by merely providing a task light on the display to illuminate the console, when the display is located at the right or left of the center of the console. In addition,  
10 in the method in which a pictogram on the surface of the console is illuminated from within the console, this is problematic in that the internal structure of the console becomes complicated.

15 DISCLOSURE OF THE INVENTION

[0004]

The present invention has been made in light of the foregoing issues. An object of the present invention is to provide a task light with a simple structure that can  
20 illuminate almost the entire console, even when the display is located at the right or left of the center of the console.

[0005]

In order to achieve the foregoing object, the present invention comprises plural illumination means aligned in the  
25 horizontal direction on a display that is rotatable with

respect to a console;

a detection means for detecting a rotational position of the display with respect to the console; and

5 a lighting means for selectively lighting at least one of plural illumination means so as to illuminate approximately the entire console, based on the rotational position of the display detected by the detection means.

This configuration allows almost the entire console to be illuminated by at least one of plural illumination means  
10 with a simple structure, even when the display is located at the left or right of the center of the console.

[0006]

In addition, in order to achieve the foregoing object, the present invention comprises rotatable illumination means  
15 provided approximately at the center in the horizontal direction on a display that is rotatable with respect to a console; and

a rotating means for rotating the illumination means so as to illuminate approximately the entire console, based  
20 on the rotational position of the display with respect to the console detected by the detection means.

This configuration allows almost the entire console to be illuminated by at least one illumination means with a simple structure, even when the display is located at the  
25 left or right of the center of the console.

[0007]

According to the present invention, almost the entire console can be illuminated, even when the display is located at the left or right of the center of the console.

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#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0008]

Fig. 1A is a planar view of a first embodiment of a task light according to the present invention, showing a 10 state where a display is rotated to the right of a console;

Fig. 1B is a planar view of the first embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to the center of the console;

15 Fig. 1C is a planar view of the first embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to the left of the console;

Fig. 2A is a front elevation view of the first 20 embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to the right of the console;

Fig. 2B is a front elevation view of the first 25 embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to

the center of the console;

Fig. 2C is a front elevation view of the first embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to  
5 the left of the console;

Fig. 3 is a side view of the first embodiment of the task light according to the present invention;

Fig. 4 is a configuration diagram of a display position detection means of the first embodiment of the task light  
10 according to the present invention;

Fig. 5 is a front elevation view of a second embodiment of the task light according to the present invention;

Fig. 6A is a front elevation view of the second embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to  
15 the right of the console;

Fig. 6B is a front elevation view of the second embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to  
20 the center of the console;

Fig. 6C is a front elevation view of the second embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to  
the left of the console;

25 Fig. 7 is a configuration diagram of a third embodiment

of the task light according to the present invention;

Fig. 8A is a front elevation view of the third embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to  
5 the right of the console;

Fig. 8B is a front elevation view of the third embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to the center of the console;

10 Fig. 8C is a front elevation view of the third embodiment of the task light according to the present invention, showing a state where the display is rotated to the left of the console.

15 BEST MODE OF CARRYING OUT THE INVENTION

[0009]

Hereinafter, the embodiments of the present invention are described with reference to the drawings.

<First Embodiment>

20 A first embodiment of a task light according to the present invention is shown in Figs. 1A, 1B, 1C, 2A, 2B, 2C, 3, and 4. Figs. 1A to 1C, 2A to 2C, and 3 are respectively planar views, front elevation views, and a side view, and a display 1 can be rotated in the horizontal direction to  
25 a console 2. Fig. 1A and Fig. 2A show a state where the

display 1 is rotated to the right of the console 2. Fig. 1B and Fig. 2B show a state where the display 1 is rotated to the center of the console 2. Fig. 1C and Fig. 2C show a state where the display 1 is rotated to the left of the console 2. Lights L<sub>2</sub>, L<sub>1</sub>, and L<sub>3</sub> are respectively provided in the lower-left, lower-center, and lower-right of the display 1 such that the entire console 2 is illuminated when the display 1 is located at the right, center, and the left of the console 2. The type of light used in the present invention is irrelevant as long as the light functions to illuminate the entire console. Pilot lamps (miniature bulbs), filament lamps, fluorescent lamps, incandescent lamps, light emitting diodes (LED), and the like can be implemented. In addition, all types of display, such as cathode-ray tube (CRT), liquid crystal, and plasma, apply.

[0010]

Fig. 4 shows a display position detection means provided in a rotary shaft 3 of the display 1. In this example, sensors S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>1</sub>, and S<sub>3</sub>, where two mutually opposing conductive members are spaced apart, and a contact metal fitting 3a that conducts electricity between the two conductive members of either any one of sensors S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>1</sub>, or S<sub>3</sub> are provided near the rotary shaft 3 of the display 1. The sensors S<sub>2</sub>, S<sub>1</sub>, and S<sub>3</sub> and the contact metal fitting 3a are provided to correspond when the display 1 is located at

the right, center, and left of the console 2.

[0011]

Fig. 4 shows a state where the display 1 is located at the center of the console 2 and the contact metal fitting 5 3a is located between the conductive members of sensor S1. At this time, configuration is made such that a detection signal of the sensor S1 is turned ON. Therefore, when the display 1 is located at the center of the console 2, as shown in Fig. 1B and Fig. 2B, the detection signal of the sensor 10 S1 is turned ON, the light L1 in the center of the display 1 is lit, and the light L1 can illuminate the entire console 2. In addition, when the display 1 is located at the right of the console 2, as shown in Fig. 1A and Fig. 2A, the detection signal of the sensor 15 S2 is turned ON, the light L2 on the left-side of the display 1 is lit, and the light L2 can illuminate the entire console 2. In addition, when the display 1 is located at the left of the console 2, as shown in Fig. 1C and Fig. 2C, the detection signal of the sensor S3 is turned ON, the light L3 on the right-side of the display 20 1 is lit, and the light L3 can illuminate the entire console 2.

[0012]

A photointerrupter in which a light emitting element and a light receiving element oppose can be used as the sensors 25 S2, S1 and S3. In addition, an interrupt member that blocks

the light path between the light emitting element and the light receiving element in sensors S2, S1, and S3 can be used in place of the contact metal fitting 3a.

[0013]

5           <Second Embodiment>

A second embodiment of the task light according to the present invention is shown in Figs. 5, 6A, 6B, and 6C. In Fig. 5, an LED 10 that is the illumination means is supported by a support member 11, and the support member 11 (and the 10 LED 10) is provided in the center of the display 1, as shown in Figs. 6A, 6B, and 6C, such as to rotate in correspondence to the rotation of the display 1. The LED 10 rotates to the left when the display 1 is located at the right of the console 2 and illuminates the entire console 2, as shown in Fig. 6A. 15 The LED 10 is located at the center when the display 1 is located at the center of the console 2 and illuminates the entire console 2, as shown in Fig. 6B. The LED 10 located at the right when the display 1 is located at the left of the console 2 and illuminates the entire console 2, as shown 20 in Fig. 6C.

[0014]

According to the second embodiment, the LED 10 can consistently illuminate the entire console 2 by the rotation of the LED 10 according to the rotational angle of the display 25 1. As an LED 10 rotating means, a rotating mechanism that

rotates the LED 10 according to the rotational angle of the display 1 can be provided, or rotation can be actualized by an LED rotating motor and a display 1 rotational angle detection sensor.

5 [0015]

<Third Embodiment>

A third embodiment of the task light according to the present invention is shown in Figs. 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C. In Fig. 7, the LED 10 is provided on the left-side, center, and 10 right-side of the support member 11. The LED 10 illuminates the entire console 2 with an LED 10a on the right-side when the relative position of the display 1 to the console 2 is located at the right, as shown in Fig. 8A. The LED 10 illuminates the entire console 2 with an LED 10b in the center 15 when the relative position of the display 1 to the console 2 is located at the center, as shown in Fig. 8B. The LED 10 illuminates the entire console 2 with an LED 10c on the left-side when the relative position of the display 1 to the console 2 is located at the left, as shown in Fig. 8C.

20 [0016]

According to the third embodiment, in comparison to the method of rotating the LED attached to the support member in the second embodiment, the entire console 2 can be illuminated with a simpler structure by fixing the LED 10. 25 In addition, in the configuration for rotating the console

2, the relative position to the display 1 can be detected  
and the LED 10 in the suitable position can be lit. Any means  
that can detect position, such as optical and magnetic  
systems, can be used as a display 1 and console 2 position  
5 detection means.

#### INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

[0017]

The present invention can illuminate almost the entire  
10 console with a simple structure, even when the display is  
located at the left or right of the center of the console,  
and thus, can be used in equipments such as an ultrasonic  
diagnostic apparatus.